

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 1,~~ A hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus comprising:

a housing;

a battery located in the housing;

a motor located in the housing and connected to the battery;

an output drive shaft powered by the motor;

a cleaning attachment coupled for rotational movement with the output drive shaft and having an axis of rotation; and

a liquid delivery system operable independently from the motor and having a reservoir, a valve, a valve actuator, a nozzle coupled to the housing, and at least one fluid conduit, the reservoir being coupled to the housing and operable for storing a pressurized fluid therein, the valve being at least partially housed in the housing and operable for selectively permitting fluid communication between the reservoir and the nozzle in response to movement of the valve actuator and dispensing fluid from the liquid delivery system, the nozzle being operable for directing the dispensed fluid obliquely relative to the axis of rotation of the cleaning attachment and having at least one aperture being operable for dispersing the fluid dispensed from the liquid delivery system;

wherein the reservoir has a variable internal volume;

wherein movement of the valve actuator to actuate the valve does not increase a pressure of the pressurized fluid in the reservoir.

3-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the reservoir includes a reservoir housing and a piston that is slidably received into the reservoir housing.

6. (Original) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the reservoir further includes a spring for biasing the piston into the reservoir housing.

7-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 4 ~~Claim 22~~, wherein the fluid conduit includes a first portion, which fluidly couples the reservoir and the valve, and a second portion, which fluidly couples the valve and the nozzle, the valve including a valve element that is interposed between the first and second portions of the fluid conduit, the valve element being selectively positionable in a first position, which inhibits fluid communication between the first and second portions of the fluid conduit, and a second position, which permits fluid communication between the first and second ~~positions~~ portions.

10-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) ~~The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 1,~~ A hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus comprising:

a housing;

a battery located in the housing;

a motor located in the housing and connected to the battery;

an output drive shaft powered by the motor;

a cleaning attachment coupled for rotational movement with the output drive shaft and having an axis of rotation; and

a liquid delivery system operable independently from the motor and having a reservoir, a valve, a nozzle coupled to the housing, and at least one fluid conduit, the reservoir being coupled to the housing and operable for storing a pressurized fluid therein, the valve being at least partially housed in the housing and operable for selectively permitting fluid communication between the reservoir and the nozzle and dispensing fluid from the liquid delivery system, the nozzle being operable for directing the dispensed fluid obliquely relative to the axis of rotation of the cleaning attachment and having at least one aperture being operable for dispersing the fluid dispensed from the liquid delivery system;

wherein the housing includes a handle and wherein the reservoir extends from the housing generally parallel to the handle.

23. (Previously Presented) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the handle and reservoir are generally perpendicular to a rotational axis of the motor.

24. (Previously Presented) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the battery is received by the handle.

25. (Previously Presented) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the reservoir further includes a cylinder sleeve that is removably coupled to the reservoir housing.

26. (Currently Amended) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 22, wherein ~~the housing includes a handle and~~ a switch that is mounted to the handle and electrically coupled to the battery and the motor ~~is mounted to the handle~~, the switch being operable for selectively activating the motor, the switch including a switch actuator that is adapted to be employed by an operator to selectively activate the switch, the switch actuator extending from a first side of the handle, the valve including a valve actuator that is adapted to be employed by an operator to selectively actuating the valve to permit fluid communication between the reservoir and the nozzle, the valve actuator being disposed on a side of the handle opposite the switch actuator.

27. (Previously Presented) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 26, wherein the switch actuator is disposed between the handle and the reservoir.

28. (Previously Presented) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 26, further comprising an extension handle that is removably coupled to the housing.

29. (Previously Presented) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 28, wherein the removable handle includes a handle actuator, the handle actuator permitting remote actuation of one of the switch actuator and the valve actuator when the extension handle is coupled to the housing.

30. (Currently Amended) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 22, wherein the housing includes a pair of housing shells and a cap, the housing shells cooperating to define ~~the handle, into which the battery~~ [[a]] the handle, in which the battery ~~being received in the handle~~, the cap closing an end of the handle.

31. (Previously Presented) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 30, wherein a pair of electrical contacts are coupled to the cap, the electrical contacts being electrically coupled to the battery and being adapted to be electrically coupled to a source of electrical power to recharge the battery.

32. (Currently Amended) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 22, wherein the valve includes a valve body and a valve element that is disposed in the valve body, the valve element being biased into a position that inhibits fluid communication through the valve body.

33. (Previously Presented) A hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus comprising:

a housing having a body portion and a handle portion;

a battery located in the handle portion of the housing;

a switch that is mounted in the handle portion, the switch being electrically coupled to the battery;

a motor located in the body portion of the housing, the motor having a rotational axis that is disposed generally perpendicular to the handle portion, the motor being electrically coupled to the switch and the battery;

an output drive shaft driven by the motor;

a cleaning attachment removably coupled to the output drive shaft for movement therewith; and

a liquid delivery system having a reservoir, a nozzle, a valve and at least one fluid conduit, the reservoir extending generally parallel to the handle portion of the housing and including a reservoir housing, a piston, a spring and a cylinder sleeve, the reservoir housing being coupled to the body portion of the housing, the piston being received in the reservoir housing and cooperating with the reservoir housing to define a variable volume fluid container, the cylinder sleeve being coupled to the reservoir housing, the spring biasing the piston away from the cylinder sleeve, the valve coupled to the housing and operable for selectively permitting fluid communication through the at least one fluid conduit between the variable volume fluid container and the nozzle.

34. (Currently Amended) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 22, wherein the nozzle is forwardly disposed on the housing relative to the cleaning ~~element~~ attachment and the handle.

35. (Currently Amended) A hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus comprising:

a housing;

a first handle extending from the housing;

a second handle removably coupled to the housing and extending obliquely relative the first handle;

a battery received by the housing;

a motor located in the housing and connected to the battery;

an output drive shaft powered by the motor;

a cleaning attachment coupled for movement with the output drive shaft; and

a liquid delivery system having a reservoir, a valve, a nozzle, and at least one fluid conduit, the reservoir coupled to the housing and extending from the housing generally parallel to the first handle, the reservoir being operable for storing a pressurized fluid therein, the valve being at least partially housed in the housing and selectively operable to permit fluid communication between the reservoir and the nozzle and dispense fluid from the liquid delivery system, the nozzle being coupled to the housing and operable for dispersing the fluid as the fluid is dispensed from the liquid delivery system.

36. (Currently Amended) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 35, wherein the valve includes a valve actuator at least partially housed in the first handle and the ~~first~~ second handle includes a handle actuator communicating with the valve actuator for selectively actuating the valve actuator to permit fluid communication between the reservoir and the nozzle.

37. (Previously Presented) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 36, wherein the reservoir is spaced apart from the first handle along an axis defined by the motor.

38. (New) A hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus comprising:

- a housing;
- a battery located in the housing;
- a motor located in the housing and connected to the battery;
- an output drive shaft powered by the motor;
- a cleaning attachment coupled for rotational movement with the output drive shaft and having an axis of rotation; and
- a liquid delivery system operable independently from the motor and having a reservoir, a valve, a valve actuator, a nozzle coupled to the housing, and at least one fluid conduit, the reservoir being coupled to the housing and operable for storing a pressurized fluid therein, the valve being at least partially housed in the housing and operable for selectively permitting fluid communication between the reservoir and the nozzle in response to movement of the valve actuator and dispensing fluid from the liquid delivery system, the nozzle being operable for directing the dispensed fluid obliquely relative to the axis of rotation of the cleaning attachment and having at least one aperture being operable for dispersing the fluid dispensed from the liquid delivery system;

- wherein movement of the valve actuator to actuate the valve does not increase a pressure of the pressurized fluid in the reservoir;
- wherein the reservoir includes a reservoir housing and a piston that is slidably received into the reservoir housing;
- wherein the reservoir further includes a spring for biasing the piston into the reservoir housing; and
- wherein the reservoir further includes a cylinder sleeve that is removably coupled to the reservoir housing.